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TAGS: ASEAN, RP

SUBJECT: US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

REFS: A) MANILA 9056; B) MANILA 8218; C) MANILA 7588

1. FOR MANILA: YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE GOP (COMPLIMENTARY CLAUSES OMITTED).

QUOTE. IN RESPONSE TO THE NOTE OF JUNE 6 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES ON BEHALF OF ASEAN, RECOMMENDING THAT THE US-ASEAN DIALOGUE BE CONVENED IN MANILA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AND PREFERABLY ON SEPTEMBER 7-9, 1977, THE US GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT THOSE DATES.

THE DELEGATION OF THE US WILL BE LED BY THE HONORABLE RICHARD HOLBROOKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS. THE NAMES AND POSITIONS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ASEAN THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AT A LATER DATE.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO OTHER MEMBERS OF ASEAN.  
END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE CONVEY ORALLY TO MRS. MANALO THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER ALSO HOPES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BUT CANNOT YET FIRM UP HIS SCHEDULE.

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3. ALSO PLEASE INDICATE TO HER THAT WE WILL TRANSMIT SOME GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEM "US DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH ASEAN" SHORTLY. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING WE ALSO HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION PAPERS ON SOME OTHER AGENDA ITEMS, SPECIFICALLY ITEM 5, "NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES" AND ITEM 8, "INVESTMENT" WELL BEFORE THE MEETING. ALSO INDICATE TO MRS. MANALO THAT WHILE WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AS CONTAINED IN NOTE OF APRIL 20 WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SLIGHT REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA, I.E. DEAL WITH ITEM 4A AND ITEM 8 UNDER ONE HEADING AND MOVE IT BELOW ITEM 5 TO READ: "6. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ASEAN. (A) LIMITATION OF US TAX DEFERRAL FOR FOREIGN INCOME OF US COMPANIES OVERSEAS". PRESENT ITEM 6 "DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION" AND ITEM 7 "TRADE" WOULD BE RENUMBERED 7 AND 8 RESPECTIVELY.

4. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD INQUIRE ON AN OPPORTUNE OCCASION FROM SECRETARY PATERNO WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS INDONESIAN COUNTERPARTS CONCERNING THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTRY REPRESENTATION AT THESE MEETINGS. WE GATHER THAT THE

JUNE 6 ASEAN NOTE REPRESENTS A COORDINATED DECISION TO FOLLOW THE STANDARD PATTERN OF ASEAN CONSULTATIONS FOR THIS FIRST MEETING. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOWEVER WHETHER PATERNO CONSULTATIONS PRODUCED ANY PLAN TO FOLLOW UP WITH SENIOR-LEVEL ECONOMIC MINISTRY MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE, AS IMPLIED IN PATERNO'S THINKING AS REPORTED REF. C.

5. FOR TOKYO, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, OTTAWA AND USEEC: PLEASE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND EC COMMISSION THAT US HAS ACCEPTED DATES PROPOSED BY ASEAN OF SEPTEMBER 7-9 FOR US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AND THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION.

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